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11. (C) Summary: Total headcount of U.S.-assisted arrivals in Cyprus as of 1600L remained unchanged at 13,231. 9,944 had departed with U.S. government assistance by 1600L on July 28.

CONSULAR

12. (C) The following are consular updates:

-- The total number of U.S.-assisted arrivals in Cyprus as of 1600L remained unchanged at 13,231 (though a helicopter was due to arrive at 1600L with 40 people, total TBC). Total U.S.-assisted departures on charter flights remained unchanged at 9,944. Two charter flights are still scheduled to depart at 0200L (capacity 550) and at 2300L (approximate capacity 280) on July 29. The Orient Queen will now arrive at 1700L July 29 with eleven official Americans from Embassy Beirut and approximately 400 passengers.

--Approximately 494 people are still at the Cyprus International Fairgrounds. Of these, CONS estimates that between 85-150 are awaiting DHS adjudication decisions or interviews.

MANAGEMENT

13. (U) Management is planning hotel arrangements for Orient Queen passengers who will remain after the July 29 charter flights are filled. SCHLICHER